

Shiites, Shiism, and Islam (part 2 of 2)

Description: A glimpse of how Shiites and Shiism differ from Islam, with a few demonstrative examples in matters of creed. Part Two: The Testimony or Declaration of Faith, the previous Scriptures, the Quran, and the Prophets. A religion based upon the succession of Imams.

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The Shahaadah

Shiism even differs with true Islam in the first and most important pillar of Islam and faith, called the *Shahaadah*, the testimony one gives upon affirming their faith in Islam, that none deserves worship but God, and that Muhammad is His slave and messenger (*laa ilaaha ill-Allah*). This testimony is the most important aspect of Islam, and the whole religion is built upon it, and embodies this unique and total monotheism and belief in God. So important is it that the Prophet pleaded to his uncle who was on his deathbed to testify:

"O uncle! Say '*laa ilaaha ill-Allah*,' a phrase for which I will plead on your behalf in front of God." (*Saheeh Al-Bukhari*)

His uncle did not say this testimony due to his fear of what people would say about changing the religion of his forefathers upon death. He died, and the Prophet was informed by revelation that he was among the people of Hell.

Point being, this phrase and what it entails is so important that the Prophet made it a means of everlasting life in Paradise. He said:

"No one says '*La ilaaha ill-Allah*' and dies firmly upon it, but he/she will enter Heaven (Paradise)." (*Saheeh Al-Bukhari*)

Thus is this phrase considered the first pillar of Islam, the very statement that rendered one a believer, gives him an opportunity to enter Paradise!

The Shiites, however, have a different 'testimony of faith'. They not only negate it meanings, as shown in the previous articles by associating others with God, but they have also added certain principles nowhere to be found in authentic texts. Their *shahaadah* comprises of the statement: "none deserves worship but God, and that Muhammad is His slave and messenger, and Ali is His beloved and chosen one, and successor to the Prophet."[\[1\]](#)

This is due to the extremism they have in regards to the cousin of Prophet Muhammad, Ali, to whom they claim their origin. The Shiites even claim that the succession of Ali was mentioned in all of the scriptures revealed to the previous prophets[\[2\]](#). They claim that

all will be asked about the succession of Ali on the Day of Judgment^[3], and that if anyone believes differently, they are considered polytheists